GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
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CLASSIFICATION OF RUBBER AND COIR AS AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to classify Rubber and Coir as agricultural product;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which the same is likely to be considered and finalized?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)to(c): In terms of WTO Agreement on Agriculture, Rubber and Coir are not classifiedas agricultural products. India in its negotiating proposals filed in January, 2001, in WTO has proposed rationalization of product coverage of Agreement on Agriculture to include agricultural commodities such as Rubber and Coir.